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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>3135-051782</b> U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>107538545</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/NL2003/000863</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>04.12.2003 (December 04, 2003)</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>10.12.2002 (December 10, 2002)</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>Method for Releasing Slug after Punching, and Punching Method Therefor</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> <b>Marcel Hermanus Johannes RENSEN, Henri Joseph VAN EGMOND and Adrianus Wilhelmus VAN DALEN</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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<p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>International Preliminary Examination Report with Annex (6 pp.)</b></p>		

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The following fees have been submitted									
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee..... \$300									
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$100 All other situations..... \$200									
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Total claims	17	- 20 =	0	x \$ 50	\$ 0				
Independent claims	2	- 3 =	0	x \$200	\$ 0				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)									
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CACULATIONS =</b> \$ 1,030.00									
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**LETTER RECOGNIZING ATTORNEYS (1 p.)**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT with ABSTRACT**

**WO 2004/054764 - FRONT PAGE WITH ABSTRACT, SPECIFICATION,  
CLAIMS, DRAWINGS and SEARCH REPORT (18 pp.)**

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT with ANNEX (6 pp.)**

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Applicant : **Marcel Hermanus Johannes RENSEN et al.**  
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Title : **METHOD FOR RELEASING SLUG  
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Sir:

Enclosed are appropriate papers for initiating the national phase of the above-identified PCT application, comprising a specification, claims and drawings. A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed.

Please accept the application for purposes of granting a filing date and recognize John W. McIlvaine, Richard L. Byrne and William H. Logsdon, Registration Nos. 34,219, 28,498 and 22,132, respectively, as attorneys in this application, pending the filing of a formal Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Kindly direct all communications relating to this application to **John W. McIlvaine**.

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